GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5202
ANSWERED ON:28.08.2001
FOREIGN STUDENTS IN THE COUNTRY
ANANTRAO GUDHE

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign students studying in India for the past 5 years in main disciplines, State wise;

(b) whether the Government have formulated new schemes to provide more and more specialised education facilities in the Indian Institutions to develop good relations and earn foreign exchange;

(c) if so, the details of action plan formulated in this regard; and

(d) the details of bilateral agreements signed/proposed for the broader cooperation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND OCEAN DEVELOPME MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) A statement as received from MHA, is attached

(b)&(c) The Government of India has reserved 5% seats in IITs and 15% seats in other Central Engineering Institutes for foreign/NRI students. Similarly 15% seats have been reserved in all university departments. These are supernumerary seats over and above the approved intake. The motivation for it is not merely to earn foreign exchange but to promote Indian rich culture, cater to the needs of Indian diaspora, enhance quality and competitiveness of the Indian education and to enhance the country's goodwill and for soft diplomacy.

(d) No bilateral agreements have been signed for this purpose.

STATEMENTREFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART(a) OF LOKSABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5202 FOR 28.8.20(REGARDING 'FOREIGN STUDENTS IN THE COUNTRY' BY SHRI ANANT GUDHE.

(a) According to the statistics maintained by the foreigner's registration officers in India the statewise breakup of the number of foreign students [excluding Pakistanis] studying in India as on 31.12.98 and 31.12.99 is as under:

State/UT	Registered foreign students as on	
	31.12.1998	31.12.1999
Delhi	7464	7998
Karnataka	6581	7762
Maharashtra	3974	4341
Tamilnadu	3846	3188
West Bengal	510	2088
Uttar Pradesh	1386	1630
Gujarat	814	776
Madhya Pradesh	723	686
Andhra Pradesh	586	654
Kerala	543	580
Chandigarh	589	575
Punjab	546	528
Himachal Pradesh	328	394
Bihar	269	252
Haryana	244	205
Goa	190	193
Rajashtan	325	182
Orissa	74	66
Pondicherry	67	62

Daman & Diu		16
Assam	4	5
Jammu & Kashmir	4	3
Meghalaya	3	2
Sikkim	1	1

The figures for the remaining years are not readily available and discipline wise details are not being maintained by the Ministry of Home Affairs.